

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2014

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Joe Gosnell, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Police Chief/Zoning Officer, John Soloe.
- Steven Mills from Asteak Law Office was present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of 111 Center Street commented that the ramp at the entrance to the trail at Center Street was very steep. He stated that the ramp was not ADA approved. Amy Richard advised him that the ramp was not finished and it will be ADA approved when completed.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito stated the he witnessed a Borough Truck coming out Winona the wrong way and driving too fast.
- Carl Zito asked Council to approve a handicap parking spot in front of Mrs. Todora's house at 105 Center Street with a sign. Council stated that once she submits her application, and it is approved, they will discuss the matter further.
- Carl Zito stated that he spoke with the owner of T & C Mini Mart. He wanted to know if the Borough crew would blacktop the street in front of his station if he buys the material. He was advised by Council members that it involves more than just blacktop. A base needs to be put down first, along with other issues. Amy Richard stated that she would go with Alex Hennings to speak with Mr. Chumas.
- Joe Gosnell asked whether there were any plans for crossing the grass from the Lincoln School Parking Lot to the trail. It was stated that there are no plans at this time. Amy Richard suggested that a foot trail be put in across the grass once the Grant is closed.
- Amy Richard advised everyone that Universal Forest Products donated all the fencing for the trail. She is very appreciative to them.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2014 with corrections. Motion carried unopposed.
 - Under Attendance show that Joe Gosnell was present.
 - Under Mayor Report, 3rd bullet, change "is everyone" to "if anyone".
 - Under Public Works, 3rd bullet, 3rd line, change "will" to "we".

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General, Sewer and Rails to Trails Funds through October 6, 2014. After certain items were explained, Motion was carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe reported on the large drug bust which occurred in Stockertown. There was a limited write-up in the Express Times. The police have been investigating the situation for some time before the arrest was made. Chief Soloe stated that this bust was the single largest bust in Northampton County in the last three years. Kathleen Zdonowski asked which officers participated in the bust. Chief Soloe advised that it was Officer Schwab, Officer Shimer and Officer Snyder. Amy Richard stated that she can speak for Council that the officers did a good job.
- Amy Richard asked when the new car was coming. John Soloe stated in about 2 to 3 weeks.

Zoning Report

- An email response from Mr. Ferraro regarding the removal of his trailer was distributed to Council. Mr. Ferraro has 30 days from the Cease & Desist Notice to remove the trailer or legal action will be taken.

Public Works

- A 2014 Ford F-550 Dump Truck has been ordered from Milham Ford for Public Works. A breakdown of the cost was distributed to Council. Amy Richard asked Council to approve the use of the Liquid Fuels Equipment Allocation for the purchase of the Truck. Everyone agreed to the use of the Liquid Fuels Fund.
- A breakdown of the truck cost is as follows:

2014 FORD F-550 DUMP TRUCK	
Cost of Truck	\$38,370.00
Factory Options	\$11,680.00
Accessories	\$23,144.00
Dump Body	
Stainless Steel Spreader	
9' Plow	
Black Running Boards	
Destination Fee	<u>\$ 1,195.00</u>
Vehicle Total	\$74,389.00
COSTARS Discount	\$ 8,814.00
Utility Truck Trade In	<u>\$25,500.00</u>
Cost of Truck	\$40,075.00
Liquid Fuels Equipment Allocation	<u>\$33,282.70</u>
Borough Portion for New Truck	<u>\$ 6,792.30</u>

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell to use the Liquid Fuels Equipment Allocation for the purchase of the new 2014 Ford F-550 Dump Truck and the balance will be paid from the General Fund. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard advised Council that Public Works is in need of a new snow blower for clearing the Borough sidewalks. The old one was falling apart last year.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell for the Borough to purchase a new snow blower for approximately \$1,000.00. Motion carried unopposed.
- Council was advised that the sewer plant is in need of a new influent flow meter. The old meter can no longer be repaired, it must be replaced. A quote from LRM, Inc. was presented in the amount of \$5,601.77. Charlie Davis stated that the meter has not been replaced for 7 or 8 years. Council approved the replacement of the meter.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Robin Davis to replace the influent flow meter at the sewer plant for a cost of \$5,601.77. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard once again stated Universal Forest Products (UFP) has donated all the fencing needed for the Rails to Trails project. The Borough is very appreciative of this donation. A thank you note to UFP will be sent to them and we will also put a thank you notice on the Borough sign.

Solicitor Report

- Steven Mills advised Council of a Notice of Hearing scheduled for October 30, 2014 regarding a tax assessment of Borough exempt properties. Gary Asteak will attend the hearings and asked for GIS maps from John Soloe.
- Act 42 of 2014 concerning the Business Privilege Tax was discussed. The Governor signed Act 42. It allows a business privilege tax to be imposed in the Borough which was previously not allowed. Mr. Mills suggested that we contact Berkheimer to assist the Borough in the collection of the tax and also in preparation of the proper wording for an Ordinance for the Borough. He is not encouraging or discouraging the collection of this tax. We need to look into it further.

Agenda

- The Forks Township Fire Report for September 2014 was presented to Council.

Old, New or Unfinished Business

- Robin Davis asked if the donation to Bushkill Conservancy was going to be discussed. Charlie Davis stated that they were looking for a \$250.00 donation. He reiterated what the Conservancy does for the Borough. The only money they receive is from donations from the municipalities. Mayor Davis stated some examples of what they do for the Borough: they perform water testing every month; they take water samples at every bridge up and down Bushkill Creek and advise Boroughs of any problems. They rejuvenate the banks after storms when they get washed out. They have an education center and they get the boy scouts involved as well as many other services. Amy Richard stated that she is happy that they found that the Borough's sewer plant has no adverse effect on the creek.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Joe Gosnell to donate \$250.00 to the Bushkill Stream Conservancy. Vote went as follows:

Amy Richard	Yea	Rosemarie Wenzelberger	Nay
Robin Davis	Yea	Carl Zito	Nay
Cindy Hower	Yea		
Kathleen Zdonowski	Yea		

Motion carried.

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to enter into Executive Session for a Personnel issue at 8:10 PM. It was announced that no business will be conducted after the executive meeting.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit Executive Session at 8:19 PM

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:20 PM.

The next Budget Meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2014.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the 3rd day of November, 2014.

President of Council

Attest: _____